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vention or suppression of plague among the Chinese residents of San Francisco. These people had been deluded time after time by erroneous statements. \* \* \*

The administration of Haffkine prophylactic has been on the whole a failure. Whether it accomplished any good or not is a question—that is, so far as the Chinese are concerned. It certainly has immunized 500 Japanese whose condition and mode of life is not far removed from those of the Chinese. In this way it has eliminated this number from being reagents in the dissemination of plague. I have stood in readiness to furnish the local and county boards of health limited quantities of the Haffkine prophylactic on demand. I have in this manner distributed several hundred doses to health officers in the surrounding towns.

Respectfully,

J. J. KINYOUN,  
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

REPORTS FROM THE MEXICAN BORDER.

*Eagle Pass, Tex., June 25, 1900.*—I have the honor to inform you that yesterday I took from the train here a man (American) from Vera Cruz, Mexico. This man stated that he had been exposed to yellow fever for the past eight days, though it took some time to get this statement.

Up to yesterday there was no place here for the detention of individuals from infected districts, as the proposed detention camp had not been put up because of the nonarrival of tents and outfit. Having nothing on hand except a few "A" tents, I immediately went to work and fixed up a temporary camp with these and placed the individual from Vera Cruz in camp under guard. The only guard here was put to work erecting the camp, and, realizing that one man was insufficient to guard the camp, I appointed another, subject to the approval of the Bureau.

It is absolutely necessary that two men be employed to guard the camp properly; hence I appointed the other man.

I shall continue this temporary camp until the shipment of tents arrive, when a good and serviceable camp will be erected.

Respectfully,

LEA HUME,  
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

*El Paso, Tex., June 23, 1900.*—I have the honor to transmit herewith summary of work during the week ended June 23, 1900: Inspection of Mexican Central Railroad passenger trains, 153 persons; inspection of Rio Grande and Pacific Railroad train, 30 persons; inspection of Mexican immigrants, 35 persons; refused admittance to Mexican immigrant on account of severe external eruption on face and body of syphilis, 1 person; disinfected deerskins, 400; disinfected clothing, blankets, etc., of immigrants, 14; disinfected soiled linen imported for laundry, 412 pieces; vaccinated, 3.

Respectfully,

E. ALEXANDER,  
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

*Laredo, Tex., June 24, 1900.*—I have the honor to submit the following report for week ended June 23, 1900: Inspected persons on Mexican National Railroad, 466; immigrants inspected and passed, 27; immigrants vaccinated, 7.

Respectfully,

H. J. HAMILTON,  
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.